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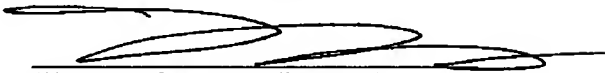
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliance the Applicant resubmits the Response to Office Action dated September 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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